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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 81-37

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: ESTABLISHING FAMILY BUDGET UNITS (FBUs) FOR REFUGEE CASES

REFERENCE: ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 81-20

This letter is being issued to comply with recent federal instructions addressing the 36-month time limitation for reimbursement of cash and medical assistance provided to refugees under the Refugee Resettlement Program.

Presently, time-eligible refugees who do not qualify for the federal AFDC program are aided under the Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) Program.

The following procedures shall be effective for new applicants on April 15, 1981, and for existing households, consisting of time-eligible refugees, at case redetermination.

1. If all members in the household are eligible for AFDC (federal and/or non-federal), establish a single AFDC FBU and separately identify the time-eligible refugees apart from the time-expired refugees or non-refugees.
2. If not all members in the household are eligible for AFDC, establish a single FBU for AFDC eligible persons and separately identify the time-eligible refugees apart from the time-expired refugees or non-refugees. Additionally, establish a single RCA FBU for those time-eligible refugees that are not eligible for AFDC.

Instructions issued in All-County Letter No. 81-20 concerning cases transferred from RCA to AFDC are waived for conversions to non-federal AFDC. The earned income exemption will apply for persons in RCA cases who are otherwise eligible at the time of conversion to non-federal AFDC.

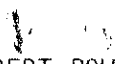
For fiscal claiming purposes, the counties must separately identify the time-eligible refugees apart from the time-expired refugees or other persons in the

FBU. In addition, refugee cases must continue to be identified by payment code. SDSS Financial Management Services Branch is currently developing claiming instructions that will address AFDC cases containing time-eligible refugees and other persons. These instructions will be issued as soon as possible.

The Department of Health Services advises that all time-eligible refugees transferred from RCA to AFDC must be reported to the Department's Refugee Tracking System on the Refugee Cross Reference Transaction, Form MC 255 or EDP equivalent. Otherwise, the State may not be able to claim allowable medical assistance costs from the Federal Government. However, as was explained in Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch's All-County Welfare Directors Letter No. 81-5, counties are not required to report any time-expired refugee to this system.

Questions regarding policy issues should be directed to the Office of Refugee Services at (916) 322-3141. Questions regarding Medi-Cal issues should be directed to your Medi-Cal Program Consultant. Questions regarding fiscal claiming should be directed to your Fiscal Consultant at (916) 323-0270.

Sincerely,

  
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